

Amendments to the Claims

1 (Currently Amended) ~~An Improved~~ improved seal; of the type which comprise comprising:

a head with an elongated passage;

a panel;

a thin body (1), having one end of which ~~is solidly~~ connected to a said panel (2), and the an opposite end ~~is intended to be housed in a~~ shaped and sized to fit said tubular passage; and

~~with means for supporting the seal in a position for use; characterized in that it comprises a head (3) which adjoins the panel (2) and is attached to said panel (2) by means of a weakened portion of material (4) which forms~~ adjoining said panel and said head and forming a rupture line and enables to enable the seal to be used with the head adjoined (3) ~~connected to the panel (2), the seal forming a closed loop in the position for use, and to enable or enables the seal to be used with the head when detached from the head (3) of from the panel (2), the thin element (1) body having~~ adopting an open configuration and the panel (2) and the head (3) both forming stoppers in the ends of said thin body element (1) ~~in the seal's position for use.~~

2 (Currently Amended) The seal of ~~Seal, according to the claim 1,~~ characterized ~~in that the~~ said head comprising (3) ~~comprises~~ an outer tubular body (31), moulded together with the panel (2), a metal plate (32) used to

support the thin element (1) in the seal's closed position, and an inner tubular body (33) mounted coaxially, together with the metal plate (32), inside said outer tubular body (31).

3 (Currently Amended) ~~Seal, according to [the preceding claims]~~ The seal of claim 2, ~~characterized in that the~~ said outer tubular body (31) comprising has a small opening (31a) in one of its ends, which is of an appropriate size to allow the thin body element (1) to be inserted through it, and in the opposite end is a larger opening (31b) in which the metal plate (32) and the inner tubular body (33) are inserted, the aforementioned larger opening (31b) being fixed, ~~preferably heat-soldered,~~ onto the inner tubular body (33).

4 (Currently Amended) ~~Seal, according to~~ The seal of claim 1, characterized in that, ~~in the part through which the thin body (1) passes,~~ the said metal plate (32) ~~has~~ having a truncated cone configuration with flaps (32a) around the outer edge which converge in the direction in which the thin body (1) enters inside the head (3).

5 (Currently Amended) ~~Seal, according to~~ The seal of claim 1, characterized in that the said thin body (1) ~~has~~ having a smooth surface and its free end has having a section (11) with a diameter which is slightly smaller than the diameter of the rest of the section, ~~making it easier to insert in the head (3).~~

6. (NEW) The seal of claim 3, wherein said larger opening is heat soldered on said inner tubular body.

7 (NEW) A seal comprising:

- a flat panel with at least one straight side;
- a head with an elongated passage;
- a frangible connector connecting said head to said panel with said elongated passage being disposed in parallel with said one straight side; and
- a thin body having a first end attached to said flat panel and a second end shaped to fit into and be captured within said elongated passage to form a continuous loop with said head, said loop being broken when said head is separated from said panel along said frangible connector.

8 (NEW) The seal of claim 7 wherein said head is tubular and is disposed in parallel with said straight side.